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SUBJECT: GOP REQUIRED THAT VISITING FOREIGN JOURNALISTS REPORT
TO FONOFF

1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS HAS SENT A CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM TO EMBASSIES STATING THAT THEIR COOPERATION IS REQUIRED WITH REGARD TO VISITS TO PERU OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY, THE MEMORANDUM STATES, THAT EACH EMBASSY INSTRUCT (LOS INSTRUYE) SUCH VISITORS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES TO PRESENT THEMSELVES AT THE OFFICE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OF THE MINISTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PROPER ORIENTATION (A FIN DE ORIENTARLOS DEBIDAMENTE) BEFORE INITIATING CONTACTS IN PERU.

2. WE PLAN TO RESPOND TO THIS MEMORANDUM BY INFORMING THE FONOFF THAT WE WILL BE HAPPY TO APPRISE THOSE U.S. JOURNALISTS WHO VISIT THE EMBASSY OF THIS REQUEST BUT MUST POINT OUT THAT MANY JOURNALISTS DO NOT VISIT THE U.S. EMBASSY AND IN ANY EVENT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES GENERALLY HAS LITTLE OR NOT CONTROL OVER THE MOVEMENTS OF ITS CITIZENS TRAVELLING ABROAD.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS MEMORANDUM HAS BEEN INSPIRED BY RECENT ARTICLES ON PERU CARRIED IN THE U.S. PRESS AND MORE SPECIFICALLY BY A RECENT NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE WRITTEN BY
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JONATHAN KEANDELL WHICH HAS BEEN EXCORIATED IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES

AND IN THE LIMA PRESS. WE ARE INQUIRING ABOUT REACTION OF OTHER
EMBASSIES TO THISEMEMORANDUM AND WILL SEEK TO DETERMINE ITS
EFFECT ON THE MOVEMENTS OF BOTH WESTERN JOURNALISTS AND THOSE
FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHOSE INDEPENDENCE FROM THEIR GOVERN-
MENTS WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH. PAO AND AIO ARE
MEETING WITH FOREIGN OFFICE HEAD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS TODAY AND
WILL SEEK INFORMAL CLARIFICATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON
ORIGINS OF THIS COMMUNICATION. SMITH

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